



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. KBB 2005 - 27

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING STATE BUSINESS

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, a state of emergency was declared through Proclamation No. 48 KBB 2005;

WHEREAS, Hurricane Katrina has caused unprecedented and extensive damage in the state of Louisiana and this tragic event has significant consequences on the financial conditions of the state; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, confers upon the governor of the state of Louisiana emergency powers to deal with emergencies and disasters, including those caused by fire, flood, earthquake or other natural or man-made causes, to ensure that preparations of this state will be adequate to deal with such emergencies or disasters, and to preserve the lives and property of the citizens of the state of Louisiana;

NOW THEREFORE I, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO, Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: Cabinet members, statewide elected officials, and state agency heads are authorized and empowered to use their best judgment in purchasing necessary goods and services to satisfy the situation caused by this emergency and shall maintain, as much as practicable, documentation which includes vendors names and addresses, goods or services purchased, prices paid, invoices and the emergency related reasons for those purchases. Strict compliance with R.S. 39:1490, *et seq.*, and 39:1551, *et seq.* shall not be required.

SECTION 2: The inspector general is directed and authorized to monitor those transactions conducted outside the scope of regulatory statutes, orders, rules and regulations to insure that those transactions are directly related to the emergency situation and are prudently handled and if any inappropriate transactions are noted, those situations shall be reported directly to the governor.

SECTION 3: All cabinet members, statewide elected officials and department heads are authorized to transfer the directions, job assignments, personnel, and functions of their departments for the purpose of performing or facilitating emergency services as necessary.

SECTION 4: All available resources of state government should be utilized as reasonably necessary to cope with this emergency.

SECTION 5: Subject to any applicable requirements for compensation, private property may be utilized or commandeered in those areas of the state directly affected by Hurricane Katrina. However, no private property shall be utilized or commandeered under this authority without prior consultation and approval by the Office of the Governor.

SECTION 6: Evacuations and limits on ingress and egress to the disaster area are hereby

authorized to be ordered as necessary by the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

SECTION 7:

This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.



**ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR**

/S/ Al Ater
SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 3rd day of September, 2005.

/S/ Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA